

LGLOR2801

2014-2015

Semitic Comparative Linguistics

5.0 credits	30.0 h	2q	This biannual
			course is taught on
			years 2015-2016,
			2017-2018,

Teacher(s) :	Haelewyck Jean-Claude ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites :	Knowledge of one or several Semitic languages is indispensable.
Main themes :	An introduction to historical and comparative linguistics, as applied to the Semitic languages. The course deals with the following themes: 1. A description of the Semitic languages and their specific characteristics; 2. The comparison of these languages at the level of phonology, morphology and syntax, in order to present their fundamental common characteristics.
Aims:	At the end of this course, the student will be familiar with the objectives and methods of linguistic comparison. Through the study of forms that are attested in each language, he will be able to state the historical position of each of them in the Semitic domain, and thus to obtain a better understanding of the phenomena of transformation. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	Oral exam at the end of the year.
Teaching methods :	Lectures.
Content :	The aim of the comparative study of Semitic languages is to try to obtain the earliest characteristics (morphological and phonological) of Semitic. After a global exposé on the Semitic languages (geographical distribution, chronological limits, a brief outline of texts) the two first parts are taken up with phonology and morphology, whereas the third part provides an introduction to the problem of comparative syntax (essentially syntax of verbs).
Bibliography :	JC. Haelewyck, Grammaire comparée des langues sémitiques. Eléments de phonétique, de morphologie et de syntaxe, Bruxelles, Safran, 2006.
Other infos :	
Cycle and year of study :	Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies Master [60]in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies Master [120] in Linguistics
Faculty or entity in charge:	GLOR